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For: ENGINE CONTROL APPARATUS	:	
AND ENGINE OPERATING	:	
METHOD	:	

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the applications listed below.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No certification or fee is required.

The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 10/572,545, filed March 17, 2006, 10/572,573, filed March 17, 2006, and 10/572,558, filed March 17, 2006, which are directed to related technical subject matter. Copies of these U.S. patent applications are not being provided. The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications are not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to this application now or upon issuance of the present

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application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

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